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REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by anticipated by Takahashi et al.(USPN 5923268).

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Tetsuya (Japanese Pub 08-237777).

Claims 6 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya (USPN 6795130).

Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. (103a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya (USPN 6795130) further in view of Tetsuya (Japanese Pub 08-237777).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Analysis of the Claim Rejections

Applicant submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Takashi et al at least because Takashi fails to teach (or suggest)

changing, without human intervention, an
equipment mode of the universal remote control to a
display apparatus mode when the stored information on
the input buttons is the information on the input

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buttons related to the selection of the external
inputs into the display apparatus.

An aspect of the invention is for the remote control to automatically switch to TV mode when a TV/External input selection is made. This automatic switching to the TV mode allows the TV to display a menu for equipment selection without the user having to switch to TV mode manually. On the other hand, Takahashi et al clearly teaches manual entry of the TV mode (col. 3, lines 13-15). Claim 5 is believed to be patentable at least by virtue of its dependence.

Regarding the rejection of claims 2-4 as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al in view of Tetsuya, Applicant submits that Tetsuya does not make up for the deficiencies of Takahashi et al.

Regarding the rejection of claims 6 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya, the rejection of claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. (103a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Shibmiya further in view of Tetsuya, Applicant submits that the references, taken either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the limitation of claim 6 of: “changing, without human intervention, an equipment mode of the universal remote control to a display apparatus mode when the stored information on the input buttons is the information on the input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus”, or the limitation of claim 9 of: “changing, without human intervention, an equipment mode of the universal remote control to a display apparatus mode when input buttons to be subsequently selected are input buttons related to the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus.”

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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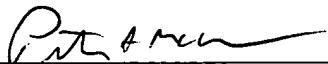
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